

Theatre and Dance Department Presents Hip Hop Hopes

St. Paul, Minn. - The Macalester College Theatre and Dance Department presents *Hip Hop Hopes: What's Going On?* in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center, Main Stage Theater, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for seniors and groups. There are two performances at 7 and 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, February 15, 16, 22, & 23. Single performances are at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 17 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 21. Please make reservations as there is limited seating. For ticket information, call 651-696-6359.



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Hip Hop Hopes: What's Going On? is a devised piece of theatre, created in collaboration between theatre Professor Harry Waters Jr., Macalester students, and guest artists including co-director/community movement artist Leah Nelson, versatile breaker/costume designer Damian "Daylight" Day, musician/educator Roosevelt "RDM" Mansfield of UPRock, lighting mixmaster Mike Kittel, and set designer/Bedlam Theatre co-founder John Bueche '92.

You are invited to come see how Hip Hop is present at Macalester. Step into the cypher with **Hip Hop Hopes**, a CREWlaborative remix of story, song, and dance, exploring the lives of young people to a beat. We are growing up- no doubt- questioning our identities through the perspective of Hip Hop Culture. This is how we live Hip Hop, and how Hip Hop lives through us. We're subjects rejecting expectations with artistic objectives and creations. Don't worry if you've never heard of a turntable or only listen to classical music. **Hip Hop Hopes** at its most basic is an honest story about finding your inner music within everyday life.

The **Hip Hop Hopes: What's Going On?** cast includes: Stephen Peyton '13, Tokyo, Japan; Chidinma Emenike '15, Dover, Del.; Roberto Capriotti '15, Pittsburgh, Penn.; Julia Gay '16, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Isela Xitlali Gomez '13, Montclair, Calif.; Sarah Horowitz '13, Amherst, Mass.; David Jacobson '13, Framingham, Mass.; Colin Jarvis '13, St. Paul, Minn.; Christine Ohenewah '15, Mankato, Minn.; William Raedy '13, Vancouver, Wash.; Mohamed Samatar '14 (University of St. Thomas student doing an ACTC Theatre Major at Macalester), Minneapolis, Minn.; Alexandra Villalon '15, Fulshear, Texas; Kevin Xiong '16, Maplewood, Minn.; Mu Yang '13, Nanjing, China; James "Flo" Zhou '13, Edmonton, AB, Canada, and Sandhya Rajkumar '14, New York, NY.

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Zhou is among Macalester's Davis United World College Scholars.

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